



QUEEN OF APOSTLES CATHOLIC CHURCH

*Saint Michael, our protector;
come to our aid, fight for all our loved ones,
and protect us from danger.
Saint Gabriel, messenger of the Good News;
help us to clearly hear Your voice
and teach us the truth.
Saint Raphael, the healing angel,
take our need for healing,
lift it up to God's throne of grace,
and deliver back to us the gift of recovery.
Help us, O Lord,
to realize more fully the reality of the archangels
and their desire to serve us.
Holy angels, pray for us.*

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CLERGY

Fr. Juan Espino, DCJM, Pastor
Fr. Javier O'Connor, DCJM, Parochial Vicar
Fr. Jaime de Cendra, DCJM, Parochial Vicar
Fr. Ignacio de Ribera, DCJM, In Residence
Deacon Richard C. Caporiccio

SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Vigil Masses on Saturday: 5:00 pm, 7:00 pm (in Spanish)
Sunday: 7:30 am, 9:00 am, 10:30 am,
12 Noon, 2:00 pm (Ghana Community)

WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Monday-Friday: 6:30 am and 9:00 am
No 6:30 am Mass on Federal Holidays
Saturday: 8:00 am

HOLY HOUR SCHEDULE

Thursday: 7:30-8:30 pm

CONFESSION SCHEDULE

Monday-Friday: 7:00-7:30 am
Wednesday: 6:30 pm until last penitent
Thursday: 7:30-8:30 pm during Holy Hour
Saturday: 4:00-5:00 pm and 6:00-7:00 pm
Sunday: 8:30-9:00 am and 10:00-10:30 am

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Monday 7:00 am through Saturday 7:45 am

QUEEN OF APOSTLES CATHOLIC SCHOOL

4409 Sano Street,
Alexandria, VA 22312
Mrs. Anne Arias, Principal
Mrs. Maria Fox, Secretary
(703) 354-0714
www.queenofapostlesschool.org



Queen of Apostles Vision Statement

To be a family of families committed to growing in discipleship of Christ and eager to invite others to join our family.

Joining Our Parish Family

Welcome to Queen of Apostles! We warmly invite you to join our parish family. So that you might receive all of our parish communications, and so that our clergy and staff may respond appropriately to your various sacramental needs, we encourage you to register at Queen of Apostles through the Parish Office. Parish registration forms are available in the Church vestibule and at the Parish Office, located at 4329 Sano Street (next to the church). Please notify the Parish Office of any family status changes or if you have moved outside of the parish by calling (703) 354-8711, or e-mailing general@queenofapostles.org

Mary, Queen of Apostles, pray for us.

RCIA/Adult Faith Formation in English and Spanish

RCIA is for three groups of adults:

1. Those who are not baptized.
2. Those who were baptized into another Christian denomination and wish to enter into full communion with the Catholic Church.
3. Baptized Catholics who were not fully formed in the Catholic faith and have not completed their initiation: those who have not received the Sacraments of Confirmation and/or Eucharist.



RCIA classes are held on Monday nights, Sept **16, 2019** - June **8, 2020**, 7:30-9pm. Fr. Jaime de Cendra will lead classes in English at the Parish Family Center (4329 Sano Street) while Fr. Javier O'Connor will lead classes in Spanish at Christendom College Graduate School (4407 Sano Street, Alexandria, VA). Books are provided. The last day to register is **Oct. 21**. Please register by contacting the parish office at 703-354-8711 or emailing s.gray@queenofapostles.org. An inquiry form will be sent, or, stop by the parish office (4329 Sano Street) to complete the form. Please bring birth and baptismal certificates.

For couples not married in the church, our priests are willing to help you prepare for the Sacrament of Matrimony, an important step to receiving the other Sacraments and living the Catholic faith as a family. Please contact the parish office and set an appointment to meet with a priest.

Marian Pilgrimage and Recollection



Come and join your Parish family for a pilgrimage to the beautiful shrine of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton in Emmitsburg, MD led by Fr. Javier O'Connor, DCJM on Saturday, **October 19, 2019**. This is a wonderful opportunity to deepen your faith and experience spiritual enrichment through Mass and reflections. Please call the Parish Office at (703) 354-8711 by **October 11th** to register or for more information.

Religious Education Classes Have Begun!

Religious Education classes meet on **Sundays, 9-10:15am** at QofA School. Doors open at 8:30 a.m. to allow families enough time to sign-in. Each Sunday, a parent is to sign-in and sign-out their student.



A Sacrament of Confirmation meeting with Fr. Juan will be held on **Monday, Sept 30 at 6:30pm** in Hannan Hall for students, parents, and if available, Confirmation sponsors. Students from the school, Religious Education, Ghana Catholic Community, and homeschool, in grade 8 and high school, who are baptized, have the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist, have attended at least 2 consecutive years of Religious Education, and have a desire to be Confirmed, are to attend this mandatory meeting. A Sacrament of Confirmation packet will be distributed at this meeting.

A Sacraments of Reconciliation and Holy Communion meeting with the priest and Religious Education parents is **Sunday, Oct 13** at 9am in English and 9:30am in Spanish. Parents will meet with the priest in the School Library or All Saints Hall.

“Just as the sun shines on all the trees and flowers as if each were the only one on earth, so does God care for all souls in a special manner.” - St. Therese

Happy Priesthood Sunday to our Parish priests and to all priests! We thank you for saying “yes” to God’s call and are grateful for all that you so generously do for us. We love you and wish all God’s blessing on you and your vocation.

St. Francis of Assisi, Oct 4 and the Blessing of the Animals

To celebrate the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi, on Fri, Oct 4 at 6pm, meet Fr. outside of the church with your dogs, cats, rabbits, hamsters, fish, birds, etc. for A Blessing of the Animals. St. Francis of Assisi, who lived in the 12th century, is the patron saint of ecology and animals.



I Came to Bring Fire:

Meditations on the Gospel

Fr. Armando Marsal, DCJM

The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith."

The Lord replied, "If you have faith the size of a mustard seed, you would say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you.

"Who among you would say to your servant who has just come in from plowing or tending sheep in the field, 'Come here immediately and take your place at table'? Would he not rather say to him, 'Prepare something for me to eat. Put on your apron and wait on me while I eat and drink. You may eat and drink when I am finished'? Is he grateful to that servant because he did what was commanded?"

"So should it be with you. When you have done all you have been commanded, say, 'We are unprofitable servants; we have done what we were obliged to do.'" (Luke 17:5-10)

Conversion: A Matter of Life and Death

God is love. His Kingdom is about hidden love; the action of the Holy Spirit in our hearts when that love is poured into the depths of our hearts by the Spirit. But to receive that gift we need to convert and believe, to change our ways of thinking and desiring, and to believe in the gift that God wants to pour into our hearts.

If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water . . . those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life. (Jn 4:10-14)

The word of God is clear: if we don't convert through what God has already offered and given to us, we will not convert even when we see the dead raised. It is not a matter of knowledge; it is a matter of whether or not we want to change our lives.

The worst sin is stubbornness of heart; hardness and blindness of heart. To sin against the Holy Spirit is to refuse conversion, to reject the recognition that I need conversion. God is close at hand; he is here, but he needs me to open my heart to him here and now. Without my desire for new life, he can't dwell within me.



Altar Server Training Queen of Apostles is recruiting boys in grade 4 and above, who have been baptized and have received First Reconciliation and Holy Communion, and who have a desire to become an altar server. The ministry of altar server is service to Christ and to the people of God, our parish family. Server training, for new and seasoned servers, is scheduled for Sundays, **Sept 29-Oct 20** after the 12 noon Mass with Mr. Kirby. Meet Mr. Kirby at the ambo. If your son is interested in altar serving, please contact Susan Gray in the parish office at 703-354-8711 or s.gray@queenofapostles.org. A Blessing of Altar Servers will be held during the **Nov 2 & 3** Masses. St. Tarcisius, pray for us. St. John Berchmans, pray for us.



Emmaus High school students are invited to join Emmaus next Saturday evening, **October 5**, from **8:00-10:00 pm** at Christendom Graduate School (CGS) located at 4407 Sano Street for fellowship, activities, faith discussions, and prayer. For more information, contact Sarah Calvino at s.calvino@queenofapostles.org or text QofA to 84576 to join our contact list and receive information about upcoming events.

Nazareth We are looking for high school and adult volunteers for Monday afternoon Nazareth meetings. Contact Sarah Calvino at s.calvino@queenofapostles.org to help with supervision, running activities, and snack prep. Volunteer time can count as service hours.

Women's Group Mark your calendar! You don't want to miss this speaker. Please join us on **Wed., Oct. 9 at 10:00 am** in Hannan Hall for our monthly Women's Group meeting. Courtney Arroyo from Fairfax County will discuss Emergency Management Preparedness. We hope to see you there!

Romans: The Gospel of Salvation. Adult Bible Study begins this Tuesday, **Oct. 1!** Morning and evening sessions will study Romans: The Gospel of Salvation. This 8-week study explores the ways in which Jesus is the fulfillment of Israel's prophecies, which leads to the universal, "Catholic" family of God. Dates are **Oct 1-29, Nov 5, 12, and Dec 3, 2020** from **10-11:30am** or **5:45-7:15pm** with morning sessions being held in Hannan Hall and evening sessions at the Parish Family Center (4329 Sano Street). Stop by the parish office to register. \$20 cash/check payable to Queen of Apostles for the workbook.

This Week In Our Parish

Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time - September 29:

School 9:00-10:15 am Religious Education
Hannan Hall 2:00-5:30 pm Ghana Group

Monday, September 30:

Cupertino Room 6:30-9:00 pm Hispanic Legion of Mary
Hannan Hall 6:30-7:30 pm Confirmation meeting

Tuesday, October 1:

Hannan Hall 10:00-11:15 am Adult Bible Study
Hannan Hall 3:00-5:00 pm Children's Choir Practice
Parish Center 5:45-7:15 pm Adult Bible Study
Hannan Hall 7:00-9:00 pm Choir Practice

Wednesday, October 2:

Conference Room 7:30-8:45 pm Baptism Class in English
Hannan Hall 7:00-9:00 pm Ghana Prayer Group

Thursday, October 3:

Hannan Hall 6:30-9:00 pm Caminantes de Emaus
Parish Office 6:30-8:00 pm Legion of Mary
Church 7:30-8:30 pm Holy Hour

Friday, October 4:

Adoration Chapel 3:00-4:00 pm Divine Mercy Chaplet
Hannan Hall 6:30-9:00 pm Emaus Retreat
School Gym 6:00-8:00 pm Youth Open Gym

Saturday, October 5:

School 4:00-6:30 pm Spanish Prayer Group
School 7:00-9:00 pm Ghana Choir Practice
Notre Dame Graduate School 8:00-10:00 pm Emmaus



Knights of Columbus Council, Pope John Paul II 4522

Knights of Columbus Membership The Knights of Columbus Council, Pope John Paul II 4522 strive to live Fr. McGivney's vision each day—we pray to have more Catholic gentlemen share that vision with us in the Knights of Columbus! To join online, visit <http://kofc.org/un/newjoin/en/index.html> or contact our Membership Director, SK Joe King at (703) 599-4389 for more information, and tell us, "Why are you not already a Knight?"

Coats for Kids Drive The Knights of Columbus Council, Pope John Paul II 4522 will be collecting cash/check donations for the annual Coats for Kids Drive several times starting this weekend **Sept. 22**. As little as \$20 will provide a child with a new winter coat, but all donations will be greatly appreciated.



Bulletin Deadline The deadline for submitting announcements for the **Oct. 6** bulletin is Monday, **Sept. 30**. Please email announcements to general@queenofapostles.org

Thank You for your generous contribution to the Poor Box. This weekend's collection will go toward the **Hurricane Dorian Victims**. Next weekend's collection will go toward the **Parish Charity**.

Nourishing Our Souls With Holy Scripture

Readings for Next Week

Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

HAB 1:2-3; 2:2-4 PS 95:1-2,6-7, 8-9
2 TM 1:6-8, 13-14 LK 17:5-10



Vocations

"But you, man of God, pursue righteousness, devotion, faith, love, patience, and gentleness." Is your faith in Christ leading you to grow in holiness as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life?

Call Fr. Michael Isenberg, (703)841-2514, or write: michael.isenberg@arlingtondiocese.org.

Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time For all those dedicated to following the one true Master, that they will be strengthened in their vocations as priests, deacons, and in the consecrated life, we pray to the Lord.

Quo Vadis Father-Son Seminary Visit Ever wondered what college seminary is like? Join Fr. Isenberg on **Saturday, October 5** to experience it firsthand on a visit to St. John Paul II Seminary in Washington, D.C. Meet the seminarians and their formators, see where they live, pray, eat and study, and tour parts of Catholic University where they have classes. There is also Mass and an optional visit to the St. John Paul II Shrine. Dads are welcome but not required. Cost is \$15 per person. Visit www.ArlingtonDiocese.org/QuoVadis, or contact the Office of Vocations, vocations@arlingtondiocese.org or 703-841-2514. Quo Vadis events are for high school boys interested in exploring their vocations.



"Ignorance of Scripture is ignorance of Christ."
St. Jerome

Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend is a positive and personal experience offering married couples an opportunity to learn a technique of loving communication that you can use for the rest of your lives. It is a chance to look deeply into your relationship with each other and with God. Sign up today to attend the upcoming Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend on **October 25-27, 2019** in Gaithersburg, MD. Early sign ups are recommended. For more information visit: RenewMarriage-VANorth.org or contact us at applications@renewmarriage-vanorth.org or (703)-646-1521.

Celebrating A Silver or Golden Wedding Anniversary this Year?



Were you married in 1969 or 1994? Then join Bishop Michael F. Burbidge for the 2019 Mass for Jubilarians to be celebrated on **Sunday, October 13th at 2:30 pm** at the Cathedral of St. Thomas More in Arlington. Fill out a form at the parish office by Sept. 30th. For more info, visit www.arlingtondiocese.org/MJM

New Parish Office Hours The Parish Office will be open Mon-Fri from 9:30 am to 5:00 pm beginning this Tuesday, **October 1, 2019**. Please note the later opening time to allow the priests and staff to prepare properly for each day.



Ministries Fair-Thank you! Thank you to all who participated in the Ministries Fair last weekend. Thank you also to all those who worked hard to make it a great family event—the Knights of Columbus, the Office Staff, the Sunday Social Ministry, the Heads of Ministries, and the Ministry Members who manned the tables. Our parish family will thrive all the more thanks to the sharing of time and talents with each other.

Respect Life Sunday is Oct 6. Join QofA's pro-life initiatives by 1) praying outside the Alexandria Women's Health (5999 Stevenson St) every Saturday morning following QofA's 8am Mass, and 2) participating on **Oct 6** in the Alexandria Life Chain, 2:30-3:30pm, along Franconia Rd by St. Lawrence Church or in Falls Church, 2-3:30pm, along Route 7/Broad St by St. James. Contact Larry at larryvote@gmail.com for more information.



“For it is in giving that we receive” - St. Francis of Assisi

Seeking Volunteer Music Assistant Queen of Apostles is seeking a part-time volunteer Music Assistant in the Parish office to support our vibrant and expanding ministry. This position requires basic office skills, communication with volunteers, professional musicians and Parish families, and at least a basic understanding of how to read music. Ability to play piano, proofread music, and speak Spanish are desired but not necessary. For inquiries, send Resume to Michelle Jacobeen at m.jacobeen@queenofapostles.org

Housing Needed A single female member of our Parish choir is seeking housing in the Annandale, Springfield, Falls Church area. She has great rental references, and her budget is between \$400-\$600/month including utilities. If you or someone you know can help, please call 571-218-8777



Visit the Adoration Chapel during our hours of need! Our Chapel is open 24 hours a day, Monday 7 am through Saturday 8 am (midnight hours require a passcode for entry). Greatest hours of need include:



- **Mon-Wed 10-11 am; Mon, Wed, Thurs 12 mid-night-1 am; Thurs - Sat 4-5 am; Thurs 11-12 noon; Fri 9-10 am.**

Contact Alexa Urban at (703) 241-1096 or moleski47@gmail.com for these hours of need

- **Tues 3-4 pm; Wed 1-5 pm; Thurs 3-4 pm; Fri 5-6 pm**

Contact Rosalie Mainey at (703) 256-5765 or rosalieam@msn.com for these hours of need

Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time Masses this Week

Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time - September 29:

7:30 am Living and Deceased Law Enforcement Officers
9:00 am (L) Cora Wack
10:30 am Living and Deceased Parishioners
12:00 pm (L) Hal Severin and +Patricia Severin

St. Jerome - Monday, September 30:

6:30 am +Barbara A. Kasouf
9:00 am +Gustavo Dupuy

St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus - Tuesday, October 1:

6:30 am +Miguel Alvarez
9:00 am +Carlos Suarez

The Holy Guardian Angels - Wed., October 2:

6:30 am (L) Joe Lenihan
9:00 am (L) Theresa and Mark Van Dyke

Thursday, October 3:

6:30 am +Alexander and Tony Andres
9:00 am +Nhue

St. Francis of Assisi - Friday, October 4:

6:30 am +Rogelio Pangilinan
9:00 am +Nhue

St. Lorenzo Ruiz - Saturday, October 5:

8:00 am (L) Etelvina León-Duarte
5:00 pm +Dolores Perez
7:00 pm +Mary K. O'Mara

Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time - October 6:

7:30 am +Carmen Solis
9:00 am +Falcomato Family
10:30 am Living and Deceased Parishioners
12:00 pm +Pilar Garcia

“Beside each believer stands an Angel as protector and shepherd, leading him to life.” – St. Basil the Great



Please pray for the members of our parish who are ill

Claire Reilly, Jin C. Navarro, Leo Monterroso, Etelvina León-Duarte, George Cook, Olivia Castillo Asnis, Maria Reyes, Anna Anderson, Michelle Jacobeen, Pedro Baiza, Jean McDermott, Anne Kemble, Tesfa Haile, Virginia Shea, Joseph Lipari, Rosa María Santos, Carmelita Mate, Leonor Cabrestane, Roger Trozado, Jeanie Miller, Maddie Respicio-Cabatic, Helen Brooks, Charles Ferris, Dominic Blansett, Linda Intihar, Melencio Morales, Reyes Duran, Luong Bui, Nick Tullier, Rose Maalouf, Nicole Pack, Barbara J. Banis, Numa Osuna, Jr., Timmy Burnway, Kathleen Donohoe, Mark Bush, Margaret Peiffer, David Stemcosky, Rita Sulit, Jason Banis, Emma Collins, Juana Mejia, Lisa Nyce, Monique Brooks, Debby Spracht, Consuelo Jocson, Cheryl McGlynn, Theresa Corcoran, Cordelia Carcamo, Russ and Jill Amerling, Dorothy Norpel, Kathy Ippolito, Michael Black, Delaney Liskey, Dean Richardson